

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

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UNLEADED AND LOW BENZENE PETROL DIESEL

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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Supreme Court has taken any decision on the Union Government's plea to treat unleaded and low benzene petrol and diesel with 0.05 percentage sulphur as clean fuel for automobiles;

(b) if so, the action taken in the light thereof especially in regard to public transport in the capital; and

(c) the latest position about the availability and adequacy of the supply of CNG indicating the fleet of buses and other vehicles that can be sustained thereby?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI  
OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Supreme Court has observed that unleaded and low benzene petrol is regarded as clean fuel. In its order it has allowed diesel with 0.05% max. sulphur to be used for all categories of vehicles except buses in the National Capital Territory (NCT).

(b): Unleaded petrol with 0.05% max. sulphur content with 1.0% max. benzene content is being supplied in the NCT from 1.11.2000. Diesel with 0.05% max. sulphur content was introduced in the NCT at selected outlets from 1.4.2000 and at all retail outlets from 1.3.2001.

(c): The current CNG compression capacity of IGL is 4.4 lakh kg/day. The demand is approx. 3.6 lakh kg/day. The approximate number of CNG vehicles in Delhi are as under:-

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| Buses        | 3,614  |
| Autos        | 33,000 |
| RTVs         | 1,475  |
| Private Cars | 10,350 |
| Taxis        | 3,750  |